

### **Abstract**

A method for long-term therapy using corticosteroids to treat tissue damage associated with graft-versus-host disease in a patient having undergone hematopoietic cell transplantation, and host-versus-graft disease in a patient having undergone organ allograft transplantation. The method includes orally administering to the patient a therapeutically effective amount of a topically active corticosteroid, such as beclomethasone dipropionate, from the 29<sup>th</sup> day until the 56<sup>th</sup> day following hematopoietic cell or organ allograft transplantation. Representative tissues includes tissue of the intestine and liver, while representative tissue damage includes inflammation thereof.